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Chula Vista Veterans Home Receives Highest Possible Honor from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

California Secretary for Veterans Affairs Roger Brautigan today announced that the Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista (VHC-Chula Vista) has received the highest possible honor under the rating system established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The facility received an outstanding score of five out of a possible five stars for health inspections, staffing levels and quality measures.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work and mission focus of all the staff at the Chula Vista Veterans Home that led to their acquiring this very prestigious recognition from the CMS," said Brautigan. "It took teamwork and dedication to accomplish this goal, which is a reflection of California's commitment to providing the highest quality care to the veterans of our Golden State. It's exactly what the people of California have the right to expect of us, and is precisely what our veterans deserve."

The Five-Star Quality Rating System was created to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and help identify areas about which they may want to ask questions. This rating system is based on continued efforts as a result of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987, a nursing home reform law and more recent quality improvement campaigns such as the Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes, a coalition of consumers, health care providers, and nursing home professionals. Nursing home ratings are taken from three sources of data including health inspections, staffing and quality measures.

"I am also very proud of the entire Chula Vista team for this achievement, and commend Administrator, Neal Asper and his entire staff for their dedication and hard work," said Stan Oppegard, California Deputy Secretary for Veterans Homes. "We at CalVet are proud of exceeding our goal of providing our veterans the finest individual care we can possibly provide."

Located on a 30-acre site off Telegraph Canyon Road, adjacent to Sharp Chula Vista

Medical Center, VHC-Chula Vista is the only veterans home located in coastal, urban Southern California. With views of the Pacific Ocean and downtown San Diego, VHC-Chula Vista's location provides residents with numerous cultural and recreational opportunities.

Completed in May 2000, VHC-Chula Vista is a 400-bed long-term care facility providing options for Domiciliary - Independent Living, Licensed Residential, and Skilled Nursing Care. Employed physicians provide medical care in both the licensed outpatient clinic and the inpatient skilled nursing settings. Acute care is provided at either the La Jolla U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, or at the nearby Sharp Hospital in Chula Vista. Veterans desiring to be considered for membership must be residents of California, age 62 or older (or younger if disabled), and have served honorably.

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